Loss to NCCF in import of dry dates

2138. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCCF suffered a huge loss to the tune of Rs. 3 crores recently in the purchase of dry dates;

(b) whether any market Survey or demand was assessed before the import of the said stocks;

(c) whether the stocks imported was from the fresh crop;

(d) whether a Bombay based firm was awarded contract at a higher rate of $ 100 per metric tonne for transportation of stocks from Basrah to Bombay; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what action Government propose to take against the officers involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) National Cooperative Consumers Federation has reported that its losses in the disposal of imported dry date would be approximately to the tune of Rs. 1.50 crores.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) NCCF has also reported that according to the terms of the agreement entered with the Iraqi Dates Committee, the contract for transportation of dates from Basra to Bombay, was given to a contractor at the rate of U.S. $ 10 per M.T. and that it has no information as to the rates being higher than the market rate.

(e) The entire matter of the purchase and sales of dry dates by the NCCF has been referred to the C.B.I. for investigation.

NAFED's Business Contracts with Foreign Countries

2139. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Audit Report of NAFED for 1983-84 had pointed out that foreign business contracts were entered one sidedly favouring certain countries;

(b) whether the Audit Report had also pointed out that particular officers were individually responsible for the losses suffered by NAFED during the period 1983-84; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken against the erring officers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) The Audit Report of NAFED for 1983-84 does not make any pointed reference to one sided contracts regarding foreign business or favour shown to any particular foreign country. The Auditors have, however, made certain observations regarding export of spices including black pepper during the year. The export of black pepper was undertaken by NAFED on negotiated terms and conditions and with a view to making entry in the importing country markets. NAFED, in its Compliance Report has not found any irregularity in these transactions.

(b) and (c) The Audit Report for 1983-84 does not make any specific charge against any particular officer for the losses incurred. As such, no disciplinary action is called for. The management of NAFED is, however, competent to deal with such issues.

Allotment of plots in Regharpura, New Delhi

2140. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had issued any orders on 22nd August, 1985 directing the DDA to allot 25 Sq. Yds. of

plots to each of the eight residents belonging to Scheduled Caste community at Regharpura, Karol Bagh, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the said orders have been implemented by the DDA; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said 8 persons claimed 50 Sq. Yds. of plot which they were reportedly occupying at the time of their eviction and had furnished documentary evidence in support of their claims; and

(d) whether a meeting between the officials at the Ministry of Urban Development and the DDA was held on 11th December, 1986 to consider the question of allotting 50 Sq. Yds. to these 8 persons; if so, the steps takes by DDA to allot plots to these persons at Regharpura as per Government's orders dated 22nd August, 1985.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since no land is available in Karol Bagh area to accommodate these persons they have been offered 26 sq. mts. plots at Kondli and their options in this regard are still awaited.

(c) These persons have been representing for allotment of 50 sq. yds. plots but have not furnished any documentary proof in support of their claim.

(d) A meeting was held on 11-12-86 and the DDA were directed to explore the possibility of accommodating these persons in Regharpura area. DDA have surveyed the area and since no plots are available these persons have been offered plots at Kondli.

Legal Action by NAFED against Auditors

2141. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NAFED had recently proposed to take legal action against the auditors appointed by Government for having recorded mismanagement in the NAFED in their Audit Report of 1983-84; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) NAFED had complained against certain objectionable statements in the Audit Report of 1983-84 to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. NAFED had also requested the Central Registrar for expungtion of certain observations in the said Audit Report. This request has not been accepted.

Covering of Open Sewers in Colonies on Delhi-U.P. Border

2142. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any representation in the recent past for covering the open sewers in Chander Nagar; Ramprasth and Surya Nagar colonies located on the Delhi-UP border;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to instal an incinerator for all these colonies so that the problem of pollution due to the dumping of garbage in the open sewers could be solved permanently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Shortage of 400 Grams Packs of Modern Bread

2143. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the daily production of 400 and 800 grams packs of Modern Bread in Delhi;